

## Abstract of the Disclosure

An image forming apparatus includes an image forming unit for forming an image on a sheet; a sheet finishing unit arranged above the image forming unit for performing a finishing process  
5 such as punching a hole, stapling and marking on the sheet; and an image reading unit arranged above the sheet finishing unit for scanning and reading an image on an original set on a platen. The image forming unit includes a first discharge stacker having a first sheet discharge device, and the sheet finishing unit  
10 includes a second discharge stacker having a second sheet discharge device. The first sheet discharge device discharges the sheet in a direction same as a direction that the second sheet discharge device discharges the sheet. The image reading unit scans the sheet in a direction substantially perpendicular  
15 to the direction that the first and second sheet discharge devices discharge the sheet.